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DATE: November 30, 2005                      ACLA Letter No.    05-09

TO: All County Lead Agencies (ACLA)

SUBJECT: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2000  
(SACPA) – REQUEST FOR KEY NUMERICAL DATA ON  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS COSTS FOR SACPA EVALUATION

REFERENCE: Health and Safety Code, Section 11999.10  
Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 9535

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to provide critical data on criminal justice processing costs in your county. This information is requested to support the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA) statewide evaluation being conducted for the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs by UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs.

A key component of the evaluation is a comparison of financial costs and benefits associated with offenders who do and do not participate in the program. To calculate these costs most accurately, information is still needed regarding two specific types of criminal justice activities that may affect these costs in your county.

1. Information on jail time served versus jail time sentenced:

- The percentage of jail time sentenced that those convicted actually serve on average.
- The average cost per day in jail.
- How were these numbers derived? Has either changed over the last few years?
- The name and contact information for a person we can speak to regarding this information and its derivation.



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2. Information on probation time served versus probation time sentenced:

- The percentage of sentenced probation time that those convicted actually serve on average.
- The average cost per day on probation.
- How were these numbers derived? Has either changed over the last few years?
- The name and contact information for a person we can speak to regarding this information and its derivation.

We need countywide averages across all cases. In addition to these overall averages, if time served for specific drug offenses is known to differ, and if your county can isolate these deviations from the countywide averages, we would like to have them also. Your response is needed by Friday, December 9. Please email your information to Craig Chaffee, of my staff, at [cchaffee@adp.state.ca.us](mailto:cchaffee@adp.state.ca.us). Also, you may FAX your information to Craig Chaffee at 916-323-0633. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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